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Photo by Capt. Peter Kerr

Green Flag's in town!

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Members of the 493rd and 494th Fighter the last Green Flag exercise. Future Red Flag Squadrons, RAF Lakenheath, England, exercises will incorporate portions of both flag

Pilot ejects safely from F-15

By Capt. Peter A. Kerr and Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi **48th Fighter Wing and AWFC Public Affairs**

An F-15C crashed Aug. 3 at 10:45 a.m. near Rachel, Nev. The pilot, Capt. Christopher Kirby, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England, safely ejected from the aircraft. As a precaution, he was transported to the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital where he was evaluated and released.

"Captain Kirby is in excellent condition," said Brig. Gen. David Moody, 57th Wing commander. "He was a little shook up from ejecting from an aircraft, but that's expected."

Once on the ground, Captain Kirby was picked up by UH-60 helicopter flown by B-Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Oklahoma Army National Guard, just nine minutes after he touched down. The helicopter was flying a mission near by as part of the ongoing Green Flag exercise.

The helicopter landed near by and he (Captain Kirby) just walked over and climbed in," said General Moody.

"One of the most wonderful sights I've seen in a long time was Captain Kirby stepping off the helicopter on his own power. and to see his squadron mates greet him back as a brother," said Col. Jack Egginton, Green Flag deployed forces commander. "The most important thing is that "Joust" (Kirby) is well. We've climbed back into the saddle and continue to train with the same emphasis on safety and smart tactical employment."

"It was great seeing my squadron mates waiting for me," said Captain Kirby. "The ejection seat worked as advertised. The only injury I sustained was being stuck with the IV in the hospital.'

This is the first F-15C ever lost by the 493rd FS. Since 1994, when

the squadron first acquired the Eagle, they have flown thousands of hours without the loss of a single aircraft. This outstanding flying record is a testament to the professionalism, dedication and hard work done by the men and women who support and fly these aircraft, said General Moody.

In addition, aircraft from Nellis flew 36,000 hours in the past year incident-free. This volume of take-offs and landings make Nellis the ninth busiest airport in the United States. Coupled with the shear variety of aircraft, everything from the Vietnam-era F-4 Phantom and MiG-17 Stoli that flew here during the recent air show, to the ultra-modern C-17 Globemaster and B-2 Stealth Bomber. These along with the dozens of international partner aircraft come here to fly on the range complex, make Nellis a busy, but safe place

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Three of Nellis' finest get STEP promoted







Above left, in the center, Master Sgt. Brian Wills, Air Warfare Center Range Management Office, gets tacked-on by Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston, AWFC commander and his wife, Mrs. Tanya Wills.

Above right, from left to right, Chief Master Sgt. Ike Moore, 57th Wing command chief, watches as Brig. Gen. David Moody, 57th Wing commander, ambushes Master Sgt. Rodney Keller, 66th Rescue Squadron, with his new master sergeant stripes. Sgt. Keller just returned from a TDY and was greeted with the good news.

Left, from left to right, Gen. Johnston congratulates a surprised Master Sgt. Walter Miller, AWFC Safety Office, on his STEP promotion while Chief Master Sgt. Tonez Beatty, AWFC command chief, tacks-on Sgt. Miller's new stripes. The stripes for exceptional performers program is designed to promote enlisted military members who perform exceptionally both on and off duty.

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"We fly demanding missions and the American public has come to expect great victories such as the Gulf War, but there is always some risk," said General Moody.

The aircraft accident site, lo-

cated 170 miles north of Nellis, will take up to a month to clean up. Working with the Bureau of Land Management, the aircraft recovery crews will ensure the area is returned to its natural state, said General Moody.

An accident investigation board has formed to investigate the cause of the crash.



Photo by Capt. Peter Kerr

Shortly before ejecting from his F-15C, Capt. Christopher Kirby, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England, is photographed preparing to launch his aircraft.

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Police beat: Help keep Nellis crime free

By Staff Sgt. Paul Beuchat 99th Security Forces

The following is a summary of incidents occurring in Nellis' community from May 1 through July 10. Crime affects everyone, directly or indirectly, and thus affects the ability of Air Force personnel to perform the mission. The community is encouraged to become actively involved by watching out for any suspicious activities and reporting them to 99th Security Forces' Crime Stop line at 652-5100.

Traffic citations/DUIs

Nellis security forces unit issued 306 traffic citations. Thirteen driving under the influence incidents were detected and/or reported.

In 2000, Nellis has had 16 military members apprehended for DUI. The base experienced its first onbase accident as a result of alcohol for the year in July. We can't say it enough—Don't drink and drive.

Help and assistance is only a phone call away from either a friend, family member, unit's designated driver program or others like the civilian non-profit ARRIVE ALIVE, 873-8553. There is no safe way to drive after drinking.

Theft of property:

Thirty-two thefts were reported. Sixty eight percent of the thefts were due to unsecured property. Securing property isn't a guarantee against theft, but it does make it harder for the thief. A recent trend has also surfaced—a rash of unsecured bicycle thefts and burglaries in the Manch Manor housing area. Don't let living on base lead into a false sense of security. Crime still occurs. Please lock or secure valuables.

Shoplifting:

Fourteen incidents of shoplifting totaling \$167 were reported. Shoplifting numbers are on the rise.

Items shoplifted are usually of little value, and easily placed in a pocket or purse. The person drifts out the door seemingly home free. Until an exchange store detective approaches him. The "item of little value" now becomes a criminal expense. We live in a town that makes money on the odds and trust us, the odds are against people who think they can beat the BX security system.

Security forces crime tip of the week:

Participation is the key to preventing vandalism, burglary and theft. One of the most effective ways to deter crime is to set up a Neighborhood Watch. What is a Neighborhood Watch and how does it work? A Neighborhood Watch is a program where residents of Nellis family housing areas and security forces people cooperate in preventing and stopping crime before it occurs. The goal of the program is to increase awareness of crime in base residen-

tial areas and to encourage cooperation among neighbors in observing and reporting suspicious activities. Nellis has one neighborhood participating in the program. Help deter crime on base by becoming active in a Neighborhood Watch program. Contact a security forces crime prevention representative at 652-3326 for details on starting a Neighborhood Watch.

In the meantime, here's a quick tip to protect homes while away.

*Notify neighbors when going away from home for an extended period of time.

*Leave a key with a responsible party and inform security forces.

*Finally, contact the security forces desk at 652-2311 and inform them about planned trips and arrange to have quarters checked during that period of absence.

Remember to report crimes or suspicious actions to 99th Security Forces' Crime Stop number, 652-5100

AFCS speaks out on retirees' health care problems



File photo

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan Air Force Chief of Staff

One of the biggest quality of life issues facing the Air Force today is health care.

For the retired members of our Air Force family, it is their number one concern — particularly having access to medical care after turning age 65. Our retirees stood for America and fought the fight. We must find solutions to their health care needs because it is the right thing to do.

As committed as we are to addressing this issue of retiree benefits, we must also uphold our commitment to the American people to be fiscally responsible. Our goal is to provide a meaningful medical benefit, to include pharmacy coverage. Our challenge is to provide this without bankrupting the system. This is no small task.

There are many demonstration projects looking at alternative solutions. While these are promising, we must carefully evaluate the demonstrations before committing to their full implementation.

For example, the TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration is proving popular with our retirees. However, we have significant issues with funding and benefit design that needs to be addressed before this can be a permanent solution.

I am gratified to see that Congress shares our concern for providing health care benefits to our senior retirees. Numerous bills have been introduced this legislative session addressing this issue. Some bills call for a wide range of benefits without an identified plan for funding, while others call for a more modest benefit initially, accompanied by commitments for appropriate funding.

A benefit without funding does not bring health care to our retirees. We must have congressional funding support. The Air Force is not idly sitting by, but is aggressively pursuing solutions. Our Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Jr., is pushing forward with creative options involving all parties who play a role in providing health care for seniors: the DoD, the Health Care Financing Agency, and contracted health plans.

The Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. John Handy, also is pushing hard for solutions through the Defense Medical Oversight Committee, the tri-service oversight body for medical benefits and funding.

There is still work to be done to reach our goals. Air Force senior leaders are taking the lead to work with our retirees, the other military services, Health Affairs and Congress to

ensure appropriate health care benefits for all our members, including our senior retirees.

F-16 pilot ejects safely

One Air Force pilot ejected safely from his aircraft and a second returned to Nellis safely following a midair collision between two F-16s at approximately 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Maj. David Kossler was participating in a four-ship squadron training mission on Nellis Air Force Range when the accident occurred. He ejected safely from his aircraft approximately 50 miles northeast of base, sustaining only minor injuries. Maj. Kossler was recovered by the 66th Rescue Squadron and flown to the base where he was evaluated at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital and released.

Maj. Brandon Sweat flew the second F-16 which sustained minor damage. Both pilots and aircraft involved are assigned to the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron that is part of the 53rd Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The unit operates from Nellis.

"Anytime we have an accident, we are extremely concerned," said Brig. Gen. David Moody, 57th Wing commander. "We take our safety record very seriously and do everything we can to mitigate the risks involved in flying our high performance aircraft. I am confident the safety board will determine what occurred in this accident and, if there are procedures we need to change to eliminate that risk, they will be done immediately."

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Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Ving commander.

Nellis Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander Del Eulberg. If worked through normal channels and are

with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

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Airman borrows ATM card gets bad-conduct discharge

By Capt. Russell G. Leavitt Staff Judge Advocate Office

Before a general court-martial convened July 12, Airman 1st. Class Joshua Wilson pled guilty to stealing more than \$3,000 from a fellow airman. Airman Wilson had borrowed the airman's ATM card, saying that he wanted to borrow \$100. Over the next several days, Airman Wilson withdrew all of the money in the account and lost most of it gambling. He also spent some of his acquaintance's money buying breakfast for a number of their mutual friends.

A military judge sentenced Airman Wilson to a bad-conduct discharge, reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and 12 months confinement. In adjudging this sentence, the court also considered Airman Wilson's previous record, which included four letters of reprimand and an Article 15. Airman Wilson was taken directly from court to the confinement facility.

Red Flag's 25th

Red Flag celebrates its 25th anniversary Sept. dedication ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 9 in the Red Flag building. Nellis hosts a golf tournament at Mountain Vista Golf Club with a formal dinner that evening at the Flamingo Hilton. Guest speaker to be announced. For more information, call Lt. Col. Paul Geier at 652-4440.



It's a great Air Force



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianch

By Chief Master Sgt. Tonez Beatty AWFC Command Chief

During my travels around base, I am constantly reminded of what a great Air Force we have. Our Air Force consists of diverse people who bring different talents and capabilities to the mission.

The United States is respected around the world in times of peace and war

because of what we do on a daily basis. When our nation takes the lead in a crisis, the U.S. Air Force is engaged. Our people are the instrument of choice when it comes to providing humanitarian relief or putting precision-guided munitions on a target from half a world away.

Nellis plays an important role in this mission. We are respected around the globe by our peers at other bases as well as our neighbors in the local community. Everyone goes above and beyond ensuring we provide the Air Force with the best-trained fighter pilots in the world.

Members of Team Nellis are community-minded folks, heavily involved in community activities ranging from Corporate Challenge to Opportunity Village and Christmas in April.

Our base is unlike any other due to its vast operations and continuous activities. No other base is charged with the responsibility of carrying out its day-to-day mission while successfully supporting continuous dignitary visits, flag exercises and demonstrations of power and training.

This is possible because of you—the members of Team Nellis, the professionals who give yourselves unselfishly and proudly day in and day out in the service of our great nation.

I encourage each of you to continue to look ahead to the future. Know what's going on within your organization and the Air Force. Accept your role and share those special talents that will help us continue to be the world's greatest Air Force.

Air Force Ball



Nellis' Air Force Ball is Sept. 16 at the MGM Grand. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are:

E-1 through E-4 \$20 E-5 through E-6 \$25 All others \$30

Dress:

Mess dress or semi-formal and appropriate civilian attire.

Guest speaker:

To be announced.

For more information, call a unit first sergeant.



66th RQS airman deploys, reunites with dad

By Maj. Andy Roake Operation Northern Watch Public Affairs

While deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, supporting Operation Northern Watch, Senior Airman Ryan Renuart, 66th Rescue Squadron, feels more than a professional connection with the people of Operation Southern Watch; he actually has a kinship with one of them.

The commander of the southern forces is his dad, Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart, Operation Southern Watch, Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia commander and 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Southwest Asia commander.

While deployed the Renuart's flew together for the first time professionally, during a recent visit by Gen. Renuart to Incirlik as part of a series of multilevel meetings to improve interaction between Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch. The two flew in

an HH-60 helicopter with the elder Renuart piloting the aircraft and the younger Renuart as the gunner.

"It's great to see him," said Airman Renuart, who has been in the Air Force just over four years.

The only other time their professional paths crossed was when Airman Renuart was TDY to Bahrain several years ago as an F-15 weapons loader. Gen. Renuart deployed with a squadron of F-16s as the first USAFE unit to support Operation Southern Watch.

"While there, I got the opportunity to visit with him and see his unit," said Gen. Renuart. "We've tried to fly together before, but couldn't mainly because of my schedule. This was the first time we've flown in an aircraft together since he was about three years old and we were flying in a Cessna 172. That's pretty special, to have him do his job and have me do my job (of flying the aircraft) and both of us come together at the same time and place

"I suspect he was a little nervous, not about how he was going to do, but that his fighter-pilot dad would do as well as he would like. But it worked out fine. It was a good flight."

Airman Renuart was influenced somewhat by his dad in joining the Air Force. He was in college for three years when he reached a decision point.

"It got to the point where I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do, so I figured it was probably time to leave and quit wasting my Dad's money - so I joined the Air Force.

"I originally was going to join the Army, I had a guaranteed job flying on helicopters. I got to talking with (his dad) about what he thought and ultimately decided it was in my best interest to join the Air Force," Airman Renuart said.

When asked if it was a good decision, Airman Renuart replied, "Yeah, I think so. I've had a lot of fun in the Air



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Steel

Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart, Operation Southern Watch Joint Task Force commander, speaks with his son, Senior Airman Ryan Renuart, 66th Rescue Squadron, during a reunion at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Force. I'm pretty pleased with what I've done while I've been in the military."

General Renuart said, "It was an opportunity to grow and mature on his own and establish his goals in his own right. It's been a good move for him and I couldn't be more proud to have him as a participant in Operation Northern Watch—to be here on active duty in the Air Force doing something that

he thinks is important and enjoys. That's been pretty special. Clearly I have the dad's concern to keep him safe and keep him secure, but I am also confident that the training the Air Force provides will do that.

"He has taken on a difficult task and decided to do it well and done it professionally. That makes his mom and me very proud of him."



Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Zoe Watson



Unit: 99th Transportation Squadron **Duty Title:** Information Manager **Hometown:** Ipswich, England **Time in Air Force:** 7 years and 8 months

Time at Nellis: 7 years and 5 months

Hobbies: Traveling, staying fit and watching movies.

Goals: To become certified in Workgroup Management and finish my degree in Management Information Systems.

What's my favorite Air Force memory? My TDY to Saudi, it wasn't about what I didn't have, but being content and grateful with what I did have.



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Boba



Lakenheath visits Green Flag

By Capt. Peter A. Kerr 48th FW Public Affairs

"The Home of the Fighter Pilot" became the temporary home to 340 48th Fighter Wing RAF Lakenheath, as 24 F-15E and F-15C aircraft and more than 110 tons of cargo deployed here for Green Flag through Sept.

"The purpose of Green Flag is to train the next generation of flyers for the next conflict," said Maj. Thomas Colby, Green Flag project officer. "Studies show that if you survive your first 10 combat sorties, your chances of surviving the war go up dramatically. We're giving the new guys their 10 sorties—that's what Green Flag is all about."

Green Flag lasts three two-week periods, and typically two large-scale air battles are fought each day, said Tech. Sgt. Ethan Jones, 48th FW plans and programs operations. "Traditionally Green Flag emphasizes the United States' electronic warfare capability in large aerial combat exercises. This Green Flag is a bit different, as it will be the last one."

"Green Flag will be incorporated into Red Flag," said Master Sgt. Benjamin Thomas, superintendent of logistics for Nellis Support Center. "This year we have included some of our allied nations. In the future, we will have four Red Flags and one Maple Flag a year."

"This year we have 2,245 people and 119 aircraft from six countries—plus forces from each of the other services and the National Guard," said Col. Jack B. Egginton, deployed forces commander. "The guys are fired up. This training is second to none—no other place can provide this realistic training. Here the emphasis is on coalition composite warfare. We bring countries and varying capabilities and elements of combat power together, melding them to solve tactical problems and accomplish the mission. It is a very rewarding experience."

Working in the sweltering 120-degree heat, RAF Lakenheath ground crews ensured all aircraft were fully prepared for familiarization rides. "We're all ready to go," said Senior Master Sgt. Ken Connor, "Both the 492nd FS. 492nd and 494th are pulling together on the maintenance side, and so far we've had no integration problems. By working as one team, we are able to have less swapping out of personnel, and it is good training for the 494th

to be here."

As a lead Air Expeditionary Force Wing, the 48th FW has supplied the command and control element, called the "Green Flag Core," for the exercise. "We try to separate Green Flag from the rest of the base; to handle all our issues internally before we seek assistance," said Chief Master Sgt. Dennis More, core maintenance chief. "The Green Flag Core consists of about 35 personnel, including the Maintenance Operations Center, and are responsible for directing both the U.S. operations as well as the Italian, German, Singapore, Canadian and British."

"Training with our allies



Photo by Capt. Peter A. Kerr

Members of the 493rd and 494th Fighter Squadrons, RAF Lakenheath, England, prepare an F-15 for take off during a sortie for Green Flag.

guys, as they get to see some of the new systems on the 492nd aircraft. At Lakenheath, we are used to working as one team."

"We are working as a "purple" squadron, but we (the two squadrons) blend well," said Senior Airman Jarrell Bryant, 492nd FS. "The mission is important—but the biggest difference for us is the weather. I'd rather be hot than cold. I love it in England, but it is also great

just makes sense, because that is the way we fight," said Chief More. "All the jets are looking ready, and are in good condition for coming such a long way. We are already learning lessons about how other countries differ from us in maintenance issues. While the basics seem to be the same, the differences in specialty areas allow us to learn from them, and them to learn from us."





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In this update of the 1940's Disney classic film, is the mixture of animation and music. New interpretations of great works of music are presented. Set to the music of Beethoven's's Fifth

Symphony, The Pines of Rome, Rhapsody in Blue, Piano Concerto No. 2, Pomp and Circumstance and The Firebird. Mickey Mouse stars in the Sorcerer's Apprentice and Donald Duck is Noah's assistant.



Me, Myself and Irene (R)

Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger

When he forgets to take his medication, Charlie, a Rhode Island state trooper with multiple personality disorder, finds himself fighting his alter ego. One personality is crazy and aggressive, while the other is more friendly and laid back. Both personalities fall in love with Irene. sexual content, crude humor, strong language and some violence

Theater will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday and Aug. 18

Me, Myself and Irene (R)
Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger

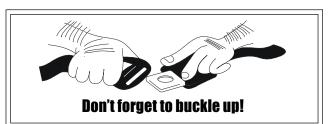
Blood drive

Where: The Fitness Center Auxiliary Gym When: Thursday at 8 a.m.

All members of the Nellis community are encouraged to participate

Give the gift of life.

For more information, call 652-7253.





Singapore visits Nellis

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz **AWFC Public Affairs**

From the small country in the South Island Sea, representatives from the Republic of Singapore Air Force are here to participate in the last Green

"Singapore is an island country that is pretty small, about 25 miles wide and 20 miles in width, with about 4 million people," said Lt. Col. Kah Han Tan, 428th Fighter Wing, which operates out of Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. "We try as much as possible within our small country to reciprocate to the United States as much as they give to

"Our relationship with the United States is very cordial. There is an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and Singapore and we have a strategic alliance with the U.S."

Representatives of Singapore's Observer Team are also on base to monitor the skills of their troops participating in Green Flag.

This is a routine exercise to monitor our troops," said Col. Chee Khern

Ng, commander, Tengah Air Base, Singapore. "The F-16s come under my command and control. I only get to see them twice a year to give feedback on their performance and provide administrative or logistics help."

Three of the four Singapore units stationed within the continental United States are at Green Flag. Singapore units are stationed in Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas.

"This is the first time we have three of our units flying on Nellis," said Col. Tan. "We are honored to be here and very appreciative that the U.S. government allowed us to be a part of it. Each unit has different training programs, so this is a great opportunity for us to come and participate with the other countries in Green Flag.

"We have about 90 percent of our units here. We've brought in 25 of the 119 aircraft participating in this exercise, so we are about 20 percent of the total force."

Green Flag continues through Sept. 9. Non-U.S. units depart tomorrow.

"We feel very welcome and if we are asked to participate at Nellis, we would love to come again," said Col. Ng.



Members of the Singapore Air Force step to their F-16s in preparation for another day of flying.



Know your TRICARE provider category

TRICARE users have so many options for selecting their health care providers that the terminology can get very confusing. Knowing their providers' TRICARE category can help them make the right choice, and save them money.

TRICARE terms used in reference to providers include: authorized, certified, non-authorized, participating, non-participating, network and non-network.

Providers who treat TRICARE patients must be authorized by TRICARE. This means they can be reimbursed by TRICARE for its share of costs for medical benefits, and they are qualified to provide certain health benefits to TRICARE beneficiaries. Only certified providers - who have passed a credentialing process can be authorized by TRICARE.

Beneficiaries must ask their providers if they are authorized by TRICARE before seeking treatment from them. Providers can contact TRICARE regional managed care support contractors (provider relations department) for an application to become authorized.

Beneficiaries who use non-authorized providers may be responsible for their entire bill, and there are no legal limits on the amounts these providers can bill beneficiaries. Examples of non-authorized providers are most chiropractors and acupuncturists. Other non-authorized physicians include those who do not meet state li-

censing or training requirements, and those who never sought, or were rejected for, authorization by TRICARE.

Authorized caregivers may be participating or non-participating providers on a case-by-case basis.

Participating providers agree to accept the TRICARE allowable charge as payment in full for the care they provide TRICARE beneficiaries. Patients are responsible for any out-of-pocket costs, including deductibles, that are

they can legally charge patients up to 15 percent more than the TRICARE allowable charge. TRICARE beneficiaries generally file their own claims for care obtained from non-participating providers, and TRICARE pays its portion of the allowable charges directly to beneficiaries to pay the bills.

Patients are personally responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs, including deductibles, specified by their health plans, plus, the 15 per-



specified by their health plans. Participating providers file claims and receive reimbursement directly from TRICARE.

Non-participating providers do not accept TRICARE allowable charges as full payment for their services, and

cent difference the non-participating providers can charge them.

Network providers are participating providers that have discount agreements with the TRICARE program. They are required to file claims and they receive reimbursement directly from TRICARE. Eligible beneficiaries pay their out-of-pocket costs, including deductibles, specified by their TRICARE health plans.

When users of TRICARE Standard receive care from TRICARE network providers, they are using the TRICARE Extra option, which costs less.

Under TRICARE Extra, active duty family members' out-of-pocket costs equal 15 percent, and all other TRICARE beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs equal 20 percent. Under TRICARE Standard, not using network providers, active duty family members' out-of-pocket costs equal 20 percent of the allowable charge, and all other TRICARE beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs equal 25 percent of the allowable charge. Deductibles are the same for both options.

To determine health care providers' TRICARE category, beneficiaries should ask them or their staff, or call regional managed care support contractors. TRICARE service center representatives, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators and health benefits advisers at military treatment facilities also can provide assistance.

For additional information about TRICARE, visit the Military Health System/TRICARE Web site www.tricare.osd.mil, or call 653-2500.

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Nellis children perform Sleeping Beauty

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz that everyone in the audience **AWFC Public Affairs**

Excitement and giggles were heard throughout the Base Theater Monday during auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of Sleeping Beauty.

"This is an Air Force-wide program that will touch all and overseas," said Tina Madsen, Nellis Boys and Girls Club. This is a wonderful opportunity for Nellis children to express themselves."

About 30 children ages 5 through 16 auditioned in hopes of getting a part. Two children, one young and one older, will play the role of Sleeping Beauty.

"We are looking for three things that the children can do in the audition. First is that they have a loud clear voice so The showtimes are 3 and 7 p.m.

will be able to hear them," said co-production director Mr. Aaron Martin. "Big expressive movement is second and the third is the ability to take direction."

Parents looked on as the large group of children bustled on stage to show their

"I think it's great that my bases in the United States children have something to do that only takes a week's worth of time," said Ms. Tiffin Perkins, wife of Capt. Sean Perkins. I have three children auditioning, Ethan, Gabrielle and Grace.

> After grueling rehearsals for a week, the final participants will perform with two directors who will play the parts of the evil witch and the happy jester.

> Everyone is invited to the base theater today for free performances of Sleeping Beauty.



Missoula Children's Theatre tour directors, Ms. Angela Berlanga and Mr. Aaron Martin orientate dozens of children who arrived at the base theater Monday to the open call audition for parts in Sleeping Beauty. Today's showtimes are 3 and 7 p.m. in the base theatre. Admission is



High blood pressure: The 'silent kill

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz **AWFC Public Affairs**

August is National Blood Pressure Month. Health and Wellness Center offers free blood pressure checks for Nellis all year round.

The misperception that high blood pressure happens later in life is very common. High blood pressure disease can happen at any time, said Ms. Laura Weart, HAWC director.

Blood pressure checks are pain-

less and could save your life. Blood ceeds normal levels, the center pressure tests are given manually or by computer.

According to research done by the Rose Medical Center, as many as 50 million Americans either have high blood pressure or are taking high blood pressure medication.

The readings are measured with two numbers, systolic and diastolic. Normal blood pressure is 120 for systolic blood pressure reading and 80 for diastolic blood pressure reading.

If a patients blood pressure ex-

monitors them for five days to determine if medical attention is needed, said Ms. Weart.

Different factors cause high blood pressure.

"High Blood pressure can be caused by stress and genetics, such as your parents or grandparents have had the disease, you could be predisposed to having it," said Ms. Weart. "Obesity, smoking, a high salt diet and an inactive life-style can all contribute to the disease.

Symptoms are uncommon. Being tested is the best way for measuring blood pressure. Some signs can include but are not limited to headaches, dizziness and ill health.

"They call high blood pressure, 'the silent killer,'" said Ms. Weart. "You could be walking around feeling fine and not showing any symptoms."

The HAWC sponsors a blood pressure screening Aug. 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main exchange. For more information, call 653-3376.

Eye on Nellis viewing schedule

Daily program schedule for Comander's Access Channel **Nellis Cable Channel 11**

Eye on Nellis: 7 a.m., 11 a.m. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Air Force News: 7:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m and 7:15 p.m.

Flying for Freedom, Women Air Force Service Pilots: 7:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 4:45 p.m., and

7:45 p.m.

Army News Watch: 8:40 a.m., 12:40 a.m., 6:40 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. **Navy/Marine Corps News**: 9:40 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 5:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. **11RS/15 RS Predator Mission:** 9:10 a.m., 3:10 p.m., 5:10 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.

USAF Weapons School 50th Anniversary: 9:20 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 5:20 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. **Public Service Announcements**: 10:10 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 6:10 p.m. and 10:10 p.m.

Las Vegas cable stations:

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Mondays: 5 a.m. Tuesdays: 12:30 p.m

Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Fridays: 5:30 p.m. Saturdays: 4 p.m.

Las Vegas One Saturdays: 9 p.m.

Clark County Cable Channel 4

Sundays: 4 p.m.







Dancing enhances Nellis' youth learning

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz AWFC Public Affairs

Passing by the Dock, child development centers or the Youth Center, you might hear someone yelling, "five... six... seven... eight," over music. It's not an audition; it's Ms. Shelby Brown teaching Nellis' youth how to

The classes are one of many outreach programs sponsored by Nellis Boys and Girls Club to enhance learning. Ms. Brown's year round program offers tap, jazz and ballet for children and adults.

"These classes benefit the children," said Ms. Elva Owens, vice president of administration. "It teaches them coordination and teamwork which is what we like to promote at the Youth Center."

"When I was growing up, I already knew what I wanted to do—I was going to be a dancer," said Ms. Brown.

She has performed on television, in movies, Broadway shows and toured around the world. Ms. Brown danced in the movies: *Tap* with Mr. Gregory Hines, *Can You Feel Me Dancing* with Ms. Justine Bateman, *Teen Wolf II* and the video *Smooth Criminal* with Mr. Michael Jackson.

Ms. Brown was raised in an Air Force family and feels a special kinship with the military.

"My father was in the Air Force. I was a military brat and studied where ever my father went," said Ms. Brown. "He retired at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., so I started studying and teaching dance there. Then, I decided to move to Los Angeles and that's how I got my start in dance."

"Shelby is a wonderful addition to our program," said Ms. Owens. "We've had ballet and tap classes here at the Youth Center since 1986. Shelby now teaches both these classes."

This is Ms. Brown's fourth year at Nellis Boys and Girls Club. When she started she had about 20 people in class. Currently she has 120 students.

"Every time I transferred with my family, I would join the Youth Center program to train for dance, but most programs on base were small and offered only a class here and there," said Ms. Brown. "So I turned professional and wanted to give back to the military by offering students a bigger program with a higher quality of dance so that they could go out there and be professionals too."

Ms. Brown feels that the most important part of her program is the students' personal growth.

"In the world that we live, dance is a good confidence builder," said Ms. Brown. "But the most important thing students learn is that they are the only ones who make the difference. When they come to class I can give them all kinds of information, but they find out by



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

Youth dance instructor, Ms. Shelby Brown demonstrates a tap step as dancers Carisa Chapman, 9, Heather Wagner, 8, and Katie Chapman, 9, follow along in dance studio on Aug. 4. Ms. Brown teaches tap, ballet and jazz to children and adults at the Youth Center.

practicing and taking the time to improve outside of class. There is instant pride that comes with self improvement."

"Shelby is a great teacher," said Ms. Michele Wagner. "Heather (her daughter) and I love it! We both are enrolled in the program."

Her students also perform on base for the Fourth of July presentation, Easter and Holiday shows as well as the annual end of year recital.

"This dance program is right at Nellis' fingertips and the price for classes is half the cost for a similar class off base," said Ms. Brown.

Summer session is already in progress. For information on the fall dance program schedule and prices, or other programs like tae kwon do, kung fu, soccer and gymnastics call the Nellis Boys and Girls Club at 652-9307.



Nellis Sports

Team Nellis gears up

By Mr. Larry Bridges 99th Services Squadron

The 2000 Squadron Elite competition runs Sept. 7-15.

This Olympic-styled event is a squadron versus squadron athletic competition that promotes esprit de corps and develops teamwork and fosters camaraderie with organizations

Squadrons enter co-ed teams in 11 different activities including, volleyball, softball, basketball, bowling, tennis, horseshoes, swimming, the mile relay, 5K run, golf and tug-o-war.

The intent of the program is to include as many individuals as possible, not just the top-notch athletes.

Squadrons that have high participation have traditionally done well in past years. The program is open to active duty military people assigned to Nellis.

Those interested in participating in the Squadron Elite competition, can sign up with squadron sports representatives or call the Sports and Fitness Center at 652-6436. Armed Forces Bank and Buzard Eye Institute sponsor Squadron Elite.

Youth Basketball schedule

Rookie League

Hurricanes vs Kings 9 a.m. Saturday Lakers vs Hurricanes 6:20 p.m. Tuesday Kings vs Hurricanes 5:25 p.m. Aug. 21

Kings vs Lakers 5:25 p.m. Aug. 22 (Last Game)

Junior League

9:45 a.m. Fire Breathers vs Tar Heels Saturday Tuesday 4 Horsemen vs Fire Breathers 5:30 p.m. 4 Horsemen vs Tar Heels 9:45 a.m. Aug. 19 Tar Heels vs Fire Breathers 6:10 p.m. Saturday Fire Breathers vs 4 Horsemen 6:10 p.m. Aug. 22 (Last game)

Senior League

Blazers vs 76ers 10:40 a.m. Saturday Rebels vs Knicks 11:50 a.m. Saturday Knicks vs 76ers 5:20 p.m. Thursday

Blazers vs Rebels 6:30 p.m. Thursday (Last Game)

Intramural golf playoffs underway

By Staff Sgt. Benny Colley 99th Services Squadron

Tiger Woods may have won just about everything, but the Nellis Air Force Base Intramural Golf Championship.

Only 10 teams remain in the running for this season's title, after the first round of the playoffs.

Gearing up to continue in rounds two and three are the 896 Munitions Squadron, 99th Communications Squadron, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron, 11th Reconnaissance Squadron, 414th Combat Training Squadron, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron #2, 99th Medical Group #2, 99th Security Forces Squadron, 99th Mission Support Squadron and Range Management Office.

The top two teams are scheduled to vie for the base championship Thursday.

Voted off the green, or rather,

not qualifying for the next round were 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, 99th Services Squadron, 66th Rescue Squadron, Detachment 13, 57th Logistics Support Squadron, 99th Supply Squadron, 99th Contracting Squadron, 99th Transportation Squadron, 820th RED HORSE, 99th Comptroller Squadron and 57th Component Squadron.

Golf season concludes this

year's intramural program, a program that began back in the last century. The golf program is the final chance to earn points toward the Commander's Cup, emblematic of sports supremacy at Nellis.

Results of the Commander's Cup competition will be announced after intramural golf season. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 652-6433.



Nellis News

Editor's note: Bullseye submissions are due by noon the Friday prior to publication.

Golf tournament

The Sunrise Vista Golf Course sponsors an Air Force Ball Golf Tournament Aug. 18. It's a fourperson scramble with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$50 per person for military/Department of Defense employees and \$75 for civilian guests. To register, call Master Sgt. Marty Anderson by Tuesday at 652-2206 or email marty.anderson @nellis.af.mil.

Chiefs' positions

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs' Group is seeking volunteers for command chief master sergeant positions at USSTRATCOM, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., reporting no later than Sept. 30; 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., reporting no later than Aug. 31; Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., reporting no later than Nov. 15; 14th Fighter Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., reporting no later than Sept. 30; and 15th Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., reporting no later than Sep. 30. For more information, call Customer Service at 652-9072/9459.

Enlisted aide

Applicants are needed to fill positions at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Edwards Air Force Base,

Calif.; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany. People with culinary experience are highly desirable. However, those who possess a "can-do" attitude and have the ability to interact with senior officers, an enlisted aide duty may be for them. If interested, review eligibility criteria and application procedures listed in AFI 36-2123, Management of Enlisted Aides. For more information, call Customer Service at 652-9073/9459.

Korean War veterans

Nellis commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Team Nellis is organizing a retreat ceremony and luncheon for our veterans. Korean War veterans of any military service can call Senior Airman Kelley McErlane at 249-1544 to ensure they are recognized at upcoming events.

Kidcare photo ID event

Parents can bring their children ages 12 and under to 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.Nellis' Base Exchange main store Aug. 19 for Kidcare Photo Identification. Parents will receive a free, standardized high quality instant photo and identification booklet for each child. During the event, Sparky the Fire Dog will educate families about child safety, and the 99th Security Forces Squadron will finger-print children. McGruff the Crime

Dog will hand out free goodies to the children. Bring your child's bicycle for free identification engraving. AAFES, Polaroid, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children sponsor Kidcare Photo Identification.

Veterans meeting

The Kandel-Seigenberg Post 711 holds its regular meeting Aug. 20 at the Maxim Hotel, 160 E. Flamingo Ave. Buffet breakfast is at 9 a.m. For more information, call 453-5814.

Palace Chase briefing

A Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing is scheduled for Wednesday and Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 20. People interested in separating early and whose date of separation is more than a year from now should attend this briefing. For more information, call 652-9073.

Health consumers advisory

The Healthcare Consumer Advisory Council meets at 2 p.m. Aug. 18 in the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital's main conference room. This meeting serves as a forum for discussing healthcare delivery, policies and procedures. This meeting is open to the Nellis community.

Softball tournament

Support the Air Force Ball

committee's fund raising efforts by entering a softball tournament scheduled for Aug. 25 and 26. Deadline to sign up is Aug. 22 with an entry fee of \$125. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mark Taylor at 652-2919.

AFSA meeting

Chapter 1252 and Auxiliary Chapter 1252 of the Air Force Sergeants Association holds their general membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Family Support Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sandy Valdezate at 652-7496.

ACC Be a Hero contest

Participants can enter by going to www.servicity.com and following the directions. For more information on the "Be A Hero" program, call 652-5655.

Nellis hosts food drive

The Southern Nevada Federal Executive Association and Nellis Company Grade Officer's Council sponsors a base-wide food drive. Collection dates are Aug. 14 through 18 at the Commissary and Aug. 14 through 25 at each unit's first sergeant office. Donations go to Nellis' Red Cross Food Locker, local food pantries and charities. For more information, call 652-4892 or email debbie.anderson@nellis.af.mil.



Nellis Living

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Chapel 652-2950

Weekly schedule:

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service: 8 a.m. Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

Activities

12:30 p.m.

Singles meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 652-2950 or 644-6568.

Officers' Christian Fellowship has three home Bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 453-3248.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets Sunday at 1:30
p.m. in the Chapel basement.
Youth in grades 7 through 12,
when school starts, can come
check out the PYOC and find
out what's going on.

Widows in the Neighborhood monthly activities including lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible Study is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. All are welcome. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Wedding coordinators

Nellis' Chapel seeks wedding coordinators to work directly with couples. Coordinators' names and phone numbers will be given to couples. For more information, call Master Sgt. Irene Moyle 652-2950.

Child Development Center 652-4241

Preschool registration and orientation

Registration and orientation for children ages 3 to 5 is from 8 a.m. until noon Aug. 24. Be sure to bring the child's birth certificate and shot record and proof of total household income. Cost is \$35. For more information, call Ms. Yeanesta Hudson.

Education Center 652-5280

Staff college

The Air Command Staff College correspondence course is no longer on hold for new enrollments. Interested members may enroll now.

University of Nevada

Schedules are available for upcoming on-base classes. Registration begins Monday and runs through Aug. 25.

University of Phoenix

UOP is a private institute of higher education whose mission is to provide quality education to working adult students. For more information, call 652-5527.

Enlisted Club 652-9733

Membership night

All Enlisted Club members are invited to the club 6 p.m. on Aug. 18 for food from around the world. Members and one guest are free. Cost for nonmembers is \$5.

Family Support Center 652-3327

German seminar

Maj. Jim Collins, 57th Wing,

will share his knowledge on the history, customs and culture of Germany 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 18. Call to reserve a seat.

Ready, Set, Grow

Class is Monday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For parents of children between the ages of 3 to 36 months. Come to this program and bring the little ones to interact with other children.

In and Out Budget

Class is Monday 2 to 4 p.m. Learn how to set up a budget. Bring income statements, a record of all monthly payments and a hand calculator.

Training class

Sponsorship training class is 2 to 3 p.m Tuesday. Call for more information.

Smooth move

Class is 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday. Briefing is for those making a permanent change of station move. Learn about moving from the experts. Spouses are invited.

HAWC 653-3376

Blood pressure

High blood pressure is considered the silent killer. Free blood pressure screenings are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Base Exchange.

Back to Basics

Classes are the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the HAWC classroom. Sign up is mandatory. Next class is Wednesday.

Prepared childbirth

Four two-hour evening classes for first-time parents are scheduled for Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and 30 and Nov. 28. Class size is limited to 12 couples.

Nellis Boys and Girls Club 652-9307

Parents night out

Nellis Boys and Girls Club and Child Development Centers team up to give parents a break 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 26. Cost is \$10 per school age child, \$3.50 per hour for children age 3 and \$3 per hour for children over age 3. Sign up deadline is Aug. 23.

Soccer registration

Children ages 4 through 15 are eligible to register for soccer until Aug. 31. Cost is \$30 plus Nellis Boys and Girls Club membership card fee. All participants need a current physical and proof of age. For more information, call Mr. Bob Garcia 652-9307.

Family swap meet

The last swap meet of the summer is at the Nellis Boys and Girls Club gymnasium Aug. 19. Cost is \$15 per table. Set up time is 7 a.m. and sell time is 8 a.m.

Nellis Sports Bar and Grill 652-2880

Pool barbecue

The Olympic Pool barbecue is 7 p.m. to midnight Sept. 1. Cost is \$5 per person.

Officer's Club 644-2582

Crud Tournament

The Air Combat Command Crud Tournament begins Sept. 1. Allied Domecq Spirits USA, Canadian Club and LAVA sponsor the 2000 ACC Crud Tournament.

Outdoor Recreation Center 652-8967

Ham radio class

Learn all the required material to earn a no-code license 6 to 9 p.m.. This 10-week class meets Mondays and Wednesday, beginning Aug. 21. Cost is \$25 plus book fee. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation.

Deep-Sea fishing

This is a chance to sail the high seas and catch the "big one" Aug. 19 through 21. Cost is \$125 per person, which includes hotel accommodations, charter boat and transportation.

Skills Development Center 652-2794

Woodworking class

A six week advance class is begins Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Deadline is Sept. 15.

Framing class

A six-week class begins 5 p.m Sept. 20. Cost is \$35 per person. Deadline is Sept. 15.

Ceramic class

Children ages 4 and up are invited to paint a shelf-sitting pig or cow. Class is 10 a.m. Aug. 26. Cost is \$8 and includes all materials needed to complete the

project.

Tickets & Tours 652-2192

Sizzler contest

Tickets and Tours hosts a gigantic ticket giveaway. Look for entry blanks at services facilities. Drop entry forms off at ITT. Each prize package includes passes to one or more of the following: Wet 'n Wild, Circus Circus: Adventure Dome, All American Sports Park, Star Trek: The Experience and Scandia Family Fun Center. One entry per person age 10 and older. Drawings take place Wednesday.